



ACACIA An Arizona A+++ School of Excellence ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



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Acacia's Mission: The mission of Acacia Elementary, in partnering with parents and community, is to provide a safe, comfortable and cooperative environment ensuring that **all** students develop the knowledge, skills and character necessary to achieve their **highest potential**; and to become productive members of an ever-changing society.

October 17, 2018

Dear Acacia A+++ Families,

I hope you all had a wonderful fall break. Family time is so important for the growth of children. It goes by so fast. The first quarter has ended and it has flown by, too. Parent/Teacher conferences are next week. I would like to stress the importance of every parent meeting with his or her child's teacher and meeting our goal for Acacia, which is to have 100% parent contact for these conferences. Even if your child is meeting grade-level expectations, we want to motivate him or her to continue to grow academically. This will also give you an opportunity to better understand the expectations of your child's curriculum learn how you can help at home and get answers to questions you have. We are happy to be a part of your child's success!

Safety is always a top priority here at Acacia. We still have our "Safety Zone" on the walkway that goes in the front of school along Evans Drive. Please use this with your student to set the example and model the correct way to stay away from the green curb and street. We have reminded students on morning announcements how to safely walk on sidewalks and not play in the street. I would like to ask you to reiterate this to your child, especially while walking home. We want the students to be safe at all times, even when they are not on school campus.

Our annual Trunk or Treat is only two weeks away on October 31. We are still looking for "trunk volunteers." Please talk to your neighbors, family and friends and invite them to host a decorated trunk for the event. Contact the office to sign up or for more information. Thank you to everyone who has donated candy for this fun event. We are excited to bring the community together.



Sincerely,
Christine Hollingsworth
Principal

Calendar

Oct. 16 - Day 2	Hearing & Vision Screening
Oct. 18 - Day 4	6 th Gr. Field Trip to ASU Main Campus
Oct. 18 - Day 4	Take your parents to ASA 3:30-4:45 p.m.
Oct. 19 - Day 1	2 nd Gr. Field Trip to Science Center
Oct. 22 - 26	Parent/Teacher Conferences
Oct. 22 - 26	No After school ASA classes
Oct. 23 - 30	Book Fair * Open until 6:00 p.m.
Oct. 24 - Day 4	Vision Re-screening
Oct. 30 - Day 4	U of A Nutrition Class * ASA sponsored
Oct. 31 - Day 1	Trunk or Treat 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Coin Drive Results

Thank you, Acacia Families, for an AMAZING coin drive! We were blown away by the participation. We cannot wait to see our total from the Kiwanis and find out how much money YOU ALL helped to raise for our school! It was a tight race with a lot of silver and paper bombings over the two weeks. In the end, there was a huge upset thanks to a Kindergarten parent and her wagon full of coins! Our students received some fun prizes for their contributions to the coin drive! During week one, Ms. McLendon's 2nd grade and Ms. Clark's 3rd grade classes received donut parties for their awesome coin collecting. Third grade got a bonus recess as well! During week two, Ms. Gordon's kindergarten and Ms. Bauer's 6th grade class received a chip and Takis party to celebrate their contributions! We also had overall Grade Level Leaders who participated in a giant GoNoodle dance party in the cafeteria! Congratulations and thank you to:

Check the Acacia website at www.acacia.wesdschools.org for the calendar with club meetings, team practices and games.



Kindergarten: Gordon's Class

*First Grade: Marcum's Monkeys * Second Grade: McLendon's Monsters * Third Grade: Clark's Cacti
Fourth Grade: Johnson's Jaws * Fifth Grade: Frost's Funky Monkeys * Sixth Grade: Bauer's Batrays*
Please help us thank our ASA Outreach Coordinator, Ms. Marcum, for all of her time and efforts to make this a fun collection. We appreciate her for supporting the coin drive and our amazing Acacia students. The overall grade level winner: KINDERGARTEN!

Fall Parent/Teacher Conferences

As you know, our Parent/Teacher Conferences are scheduled for next week. Please make every effort to attend and hear about your child's efforts and successes at school. Early dismissal days will be on

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday
October 23, 24, 25 and 26.

Students will be dismissed at 1:45 p.m. After-school Academy classes will not be in session however, we will have ASA morning class.

Tardiness

Daily student attendance is essential to academic success. We understand that there are situations that may require a student to arrive late or leave early from school, such as an appointment or a family emergency. Please remember the importance of your child being here for instruction and classroom learning. Let us help them be successful in their academic career.



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Wednesday, October 31
5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Candy, Dance Contest & More!
Everyone is welcome!



KC Club is excited to be hosting the POP TAB collection again this year. This is a fun way for us to support the Ronald McDonald House, which is a home environment providing support and resources that help keep families together and near the care they need. This year, KC Club is excited to participate in a statewide competition for the school who can collect the most. Please start saving those tabs and send them in with your student. We love the feeling of community and showing our students ways to contribute to their community.



We are proud to introduce and announce this school year's Student Council officers: President-Evelyn D., Vice President-Ezra P., Secretary-Delaynee B., Treasurer-James B., Historian-Indiana H. Class representatives were selected last month by peers and have been making plans, organizing events and making school-based decisions. Congratulations to:

4th Grade Representatives

Haidyn, Wayne, Emily, Cadence, Nora, Hannah, Kaytlynn, Porter, Kenzie, Sidney, Steven, Natalie

5th Grade Representatives

Nathaniel, Vania, Juanita, Victoria, Delena, Isabella, Cassandra, Sebastian, Alicia, Yamilet, Bella

6th Grade Representatives

Daanika, Jaelyn, Deziree, Alanah, Ava, Tabian, Belize, Jazalynn, Larissa, Alana W., Travis, Alana R., Kierra and Alana M.

This awesome group has already hosted their first dance and they are excited about the upcoming holidays where they will be selling Boo Grams, Turkey Grams and Jingle Grams. They have a lot of fun things planned for this year.

The Book Fair is Coming!



October 23-30

The Book Fair offers books to families and children that are engaging and affordable for every reading level. The Book Fair will be open for students during their lunch recess. Parents and students can visit the book fair until 6:00 p.m. from 10/23-10/30. Make plans to visit our book fair for great books you can purchase and bring home to have in your home library.



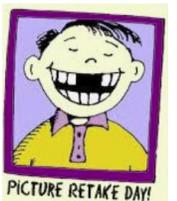
Boo Grams
 Student Council will be selling Boo Grams starting October 24. They will be selling them during lunch and in the office until Tuesday, October 30. Boo Grams cost \$1.00 and include a card and a treat that will be delivered to the intended student on Wednesday, October 31.

School Pictures

School pictures are here! If you ordered pictures and have questions, please call Dorian at 1-800-826-3535.

If your child was absent for fall pictures, retakes are November 15. Send in the order form and money to order pictures.

Club and sports team pictures will also be taken at that time. Watch for information to come home



Cross Country has started but it is not too late to join. Practices are Tuesday and Thursday mornings before school from 7:05 a.m. – 7:55 a.m. and all students are welcome! It is a great way for your child to have some fun and exercise. Please pick up a permission slip in the office and return it to the office. We will pass this

along to Ms. Scott, the cross-country coach. Cross Country Meets start November 6. If you have any questions please contact Ms. Scott by email at Kelly.scott@wesdschools.org.

Congratulations to these awesome athletes who will be training hard and have made the commitment to represent Acacia at the meets: Mia E., Marco A., Leonel A., Matteo A., Hannah H., Natalie E., Addison C., Jonah C., Avory G., Jena A., Adriana R., Annalisa R., Noah W., Braden S., Isabella P., Savannah G., Allie G., Grecia A., Marley B., Camila D., Hugo A., Zara S., Emmanuel P., Fabian D., Everett H., Thomas S., Jaelyn W., Cameron L., Khia A., Lily M., Jacob G., Noah G., Jhony B., Nadia V., Amy B., Johnny C., Anyeliz B., Lynell P., Leilani P., Jericho L., Brittany S., Hailey S., Jocelyne B., Angel H., Dominick H., Hunter B., Jacob R., Romy R., Brooklynn H., Jaxon L., Yamil R., Rashail A., Laith A., Ryder F., Keller H., Carter H., Lord L., James L., Lucas L., Daniel P., and Xavier P.

Cheer Squads

Acacia's Cheer Squads provides a great, spirit boost for our basketball teams. We have two basketball teams, so we have two cheer squads. They will be cheering at all home games led by their cheer coaches, Ms. McLendon and Ms. Simpson. Being a member of cheer comes with a great deal of responsibility, which include maintaining good grades, displaying exemplary sportsmanship and a positive attitude towards all. Congratulations to the following students for their participation on the Acacia A+++ Cheer Squad



Black Team Cheer Squad

Zainab, Deziree, Addyson, Adrianna, Laci, Victoria, Isabella, Lexis, Danika, Ella, Genesis, Audrey, Kaytlynn, and Hannah

Red Team Cheer Squad

Ava, Alanah, Janae, Larisa, Alana M, Belize, Grecia, Nevaeh, Analysisia, Emily, Brooklyn, Maya, Makayla, Luna and Mariah

